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Library to Screen Eric Paul Fournier's Award-Winning Documentary "Of Civil Wrongs and Rights"

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library in partnership with the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego will screen and "Of Civil Wrongs and Rights" on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Performance Annex at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, located 3795 Fairmount Ave. The film will be facilitated by Professor Susan Hasegawa, chair of History & Political Science Department at San Diego City College.

Fred Korematsu was probably never more American than when he resisted, and then challenged in court, the forced internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Korematsu lost his landmark Supreme Court case in 1944, but never his indignation and resolve. "Of Civil Wrongs and Rights" is the untold history of the 40-year legal fight to vindicate Korematsu — one that finally turned a civil injustice into a civil rights victory.

Since the film's P.O.V. premiere broadcast in 2001, the filmmaker, Eric Paul Fournier has responded to numerous requests to show the film at high schools, universities and law schools, as well as events and organizations that deal with issues of human rights, civil liberties, and racial profiling throughout the United States, with the goal of widening the discussions of the lessons learned by the WWII incarceration and exclusion of Japanese-Americans and relate them to the events that have unfolded in the wake of the World Trade Center attack and their impact.

This event is one of the programs – which include films, lectures, book discussions, a dance performance and live theatre – that the San Diego Public Library is presenting as part of "Dear Miss Breed," funded by a California Civil Liberties Public Education Program grant. For more information about the film showing, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library's web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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